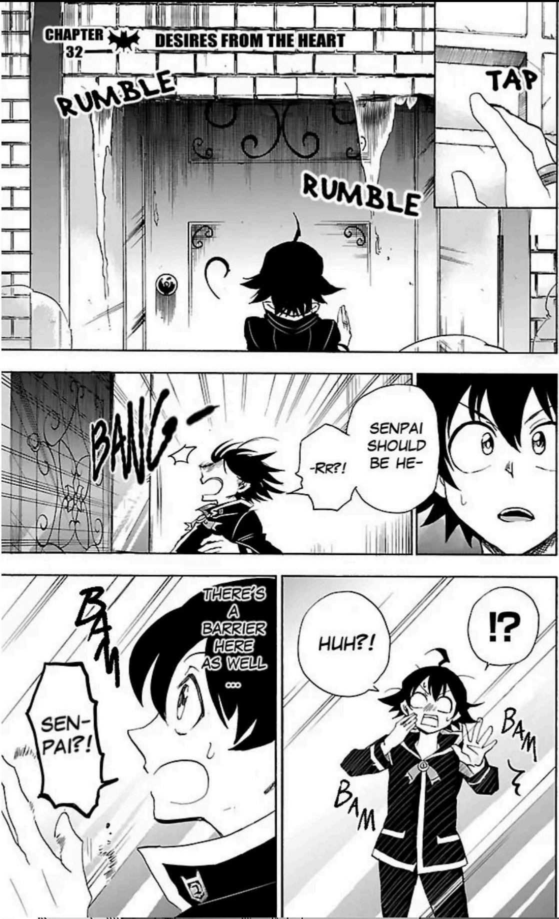
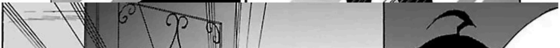
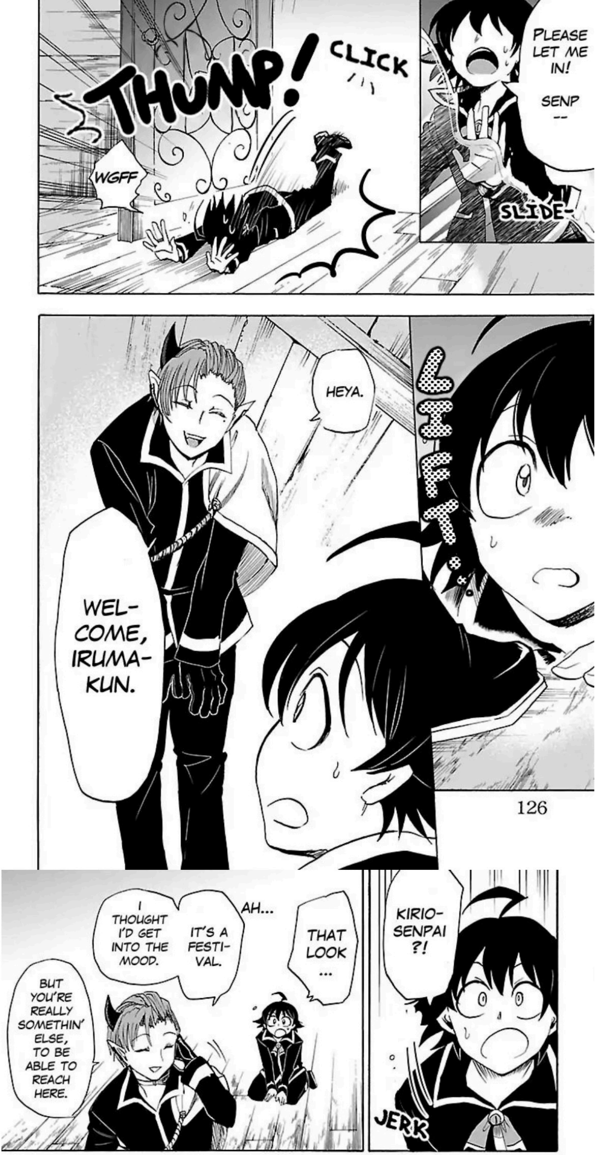
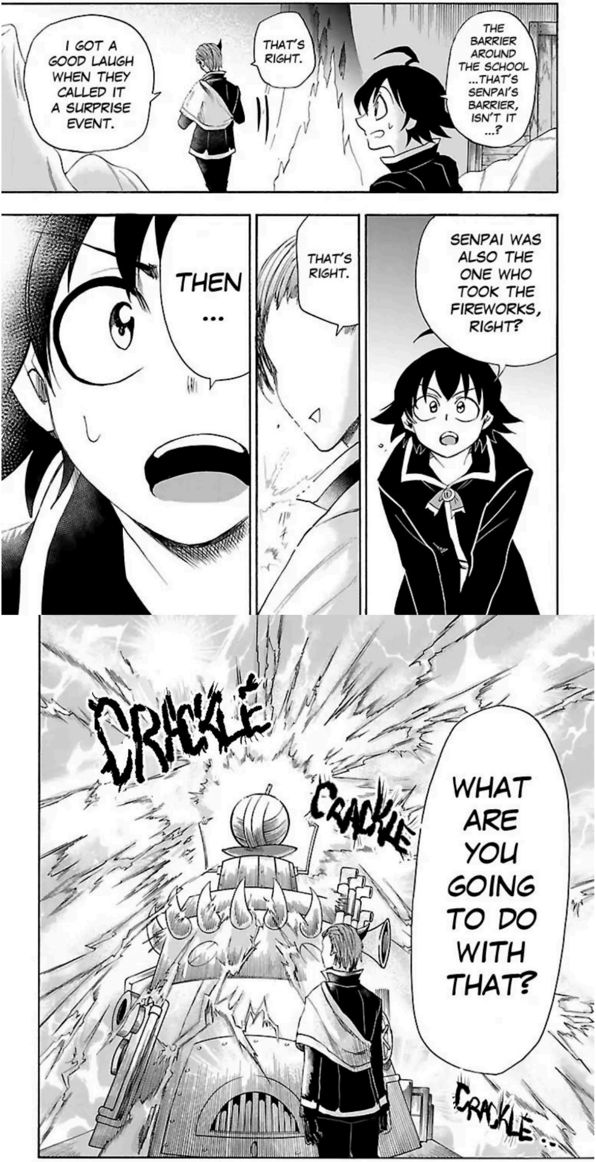
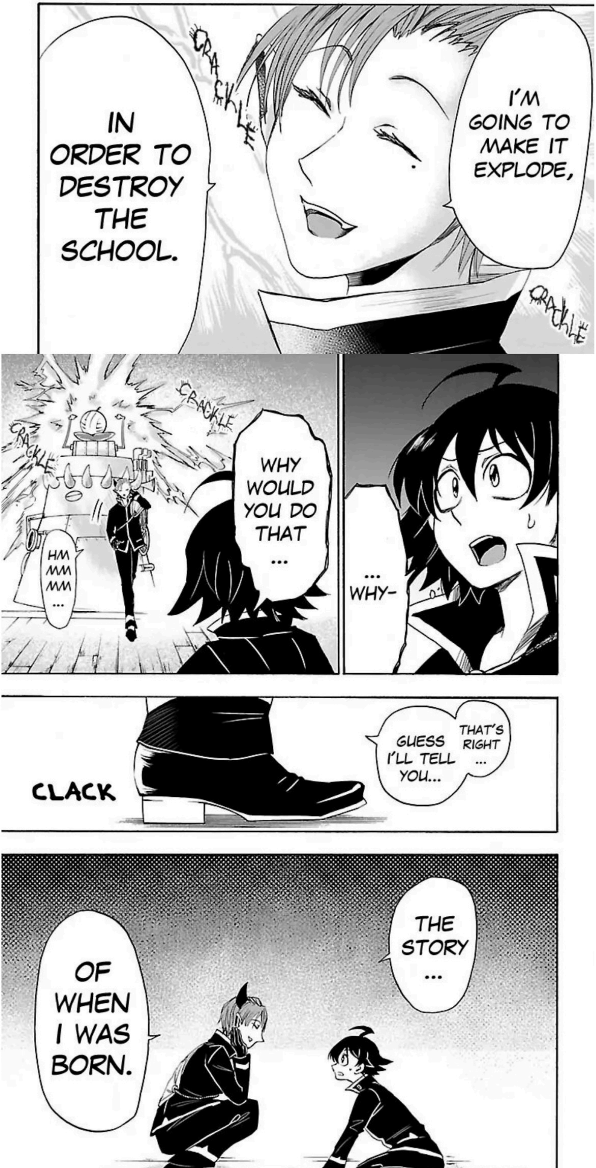
CHAPTER 32 DESIRES FROM THE HEART

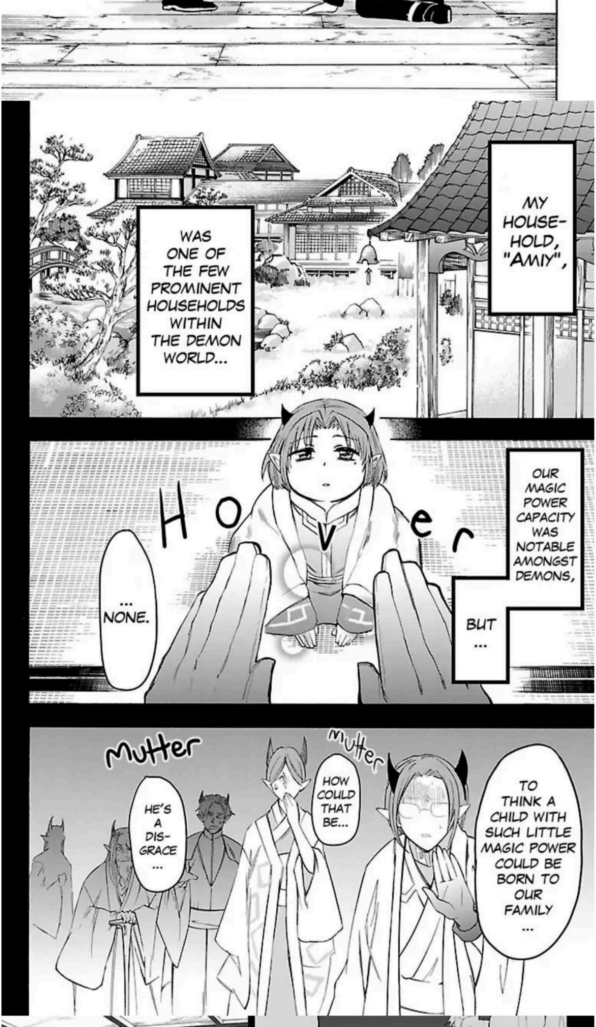

TAP
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
SENPAI SHOULD BE HE-
-RR?!
BANG-
!?
HUH?!
BAM
BAM
BAM
THERE'S A BARRIER HERE AS WELL ...
SEN-PAI?!
BAM

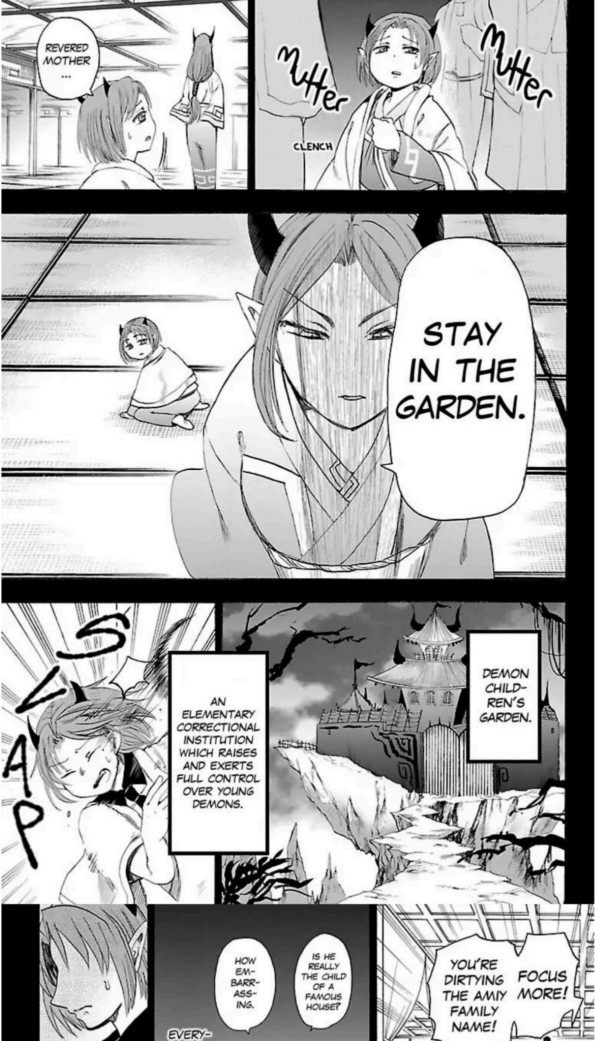


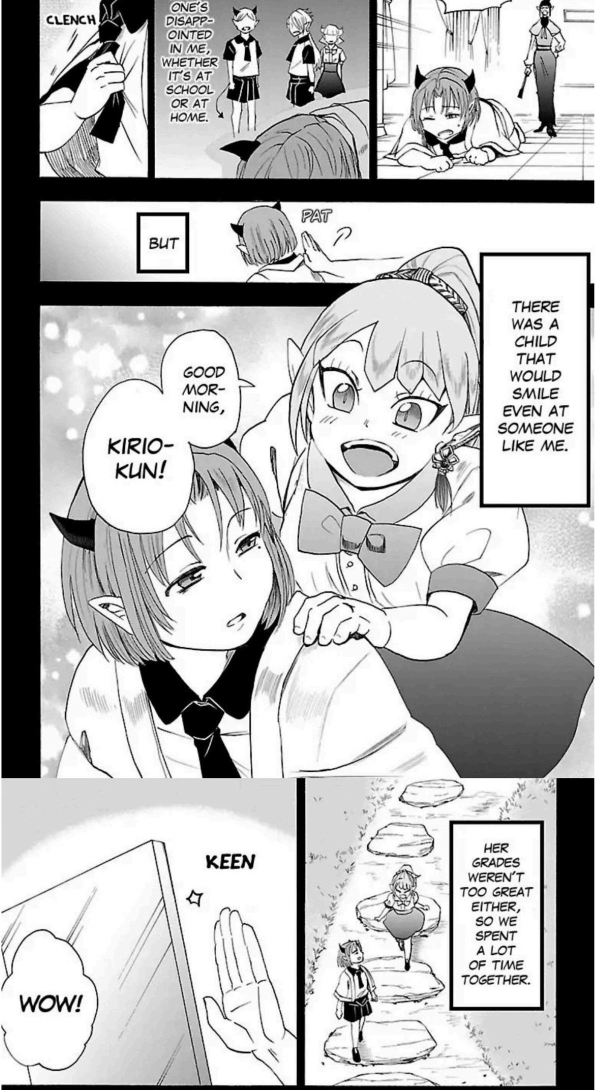

PLEASE LET ME IN!
SENP--
SLIDE-
CLICK
THUMP!
WGFF
LIFT!?
HEYA.
WELCOME, IRUMA-KUN.
KIRIO-SENPAI?!
JERK
THAT LOOK...
AH...
IT'S A FESTIVAL.
I THOUGHT I'D GET INTO THE MOOD.
BUT YOU'RE REALLY SOMETHIN' ELSE, TO BE ABLE TO REACH HERE.

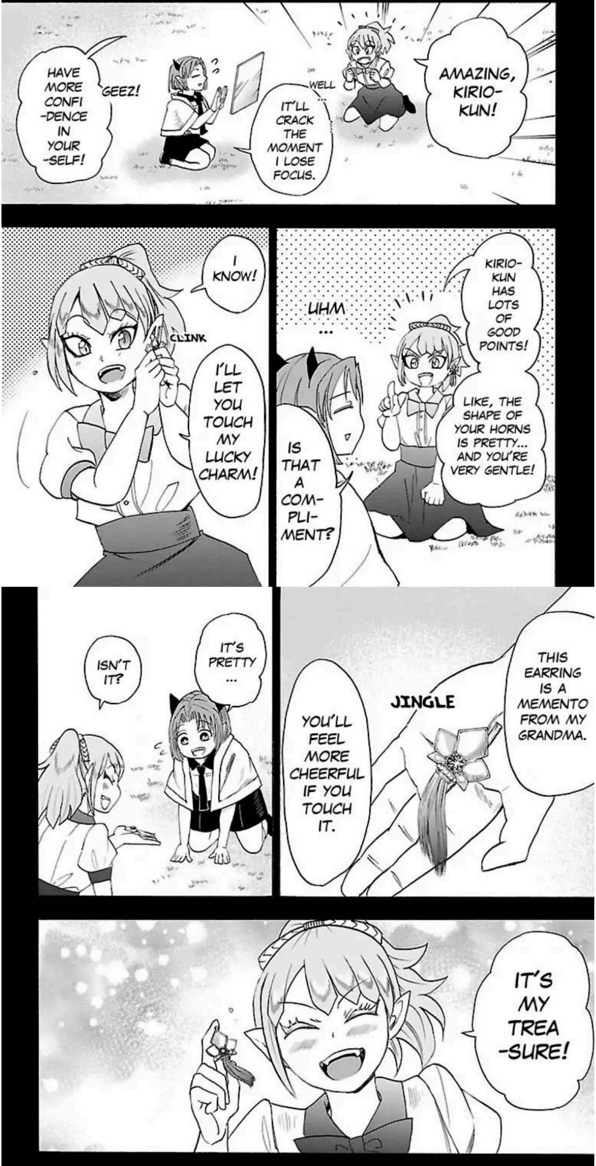

THE BARRIER AROUND THE SCHOOL ...THAT'S SENPAI'S BARRIER, ISN'T IT ...?
THAT'S RIGHT.
I GOT A GOOD LAUGH WHEN THEY CALLED IT A SURPRISE EVENT.
SENPAI WAS ALSO THE ONE WHO TOOK THE FIREWORKS, RIGHT?
THAT'S RIGHT.
THEN ...
CRACKLE
CRACKLE
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH THAT?
CRACKLE

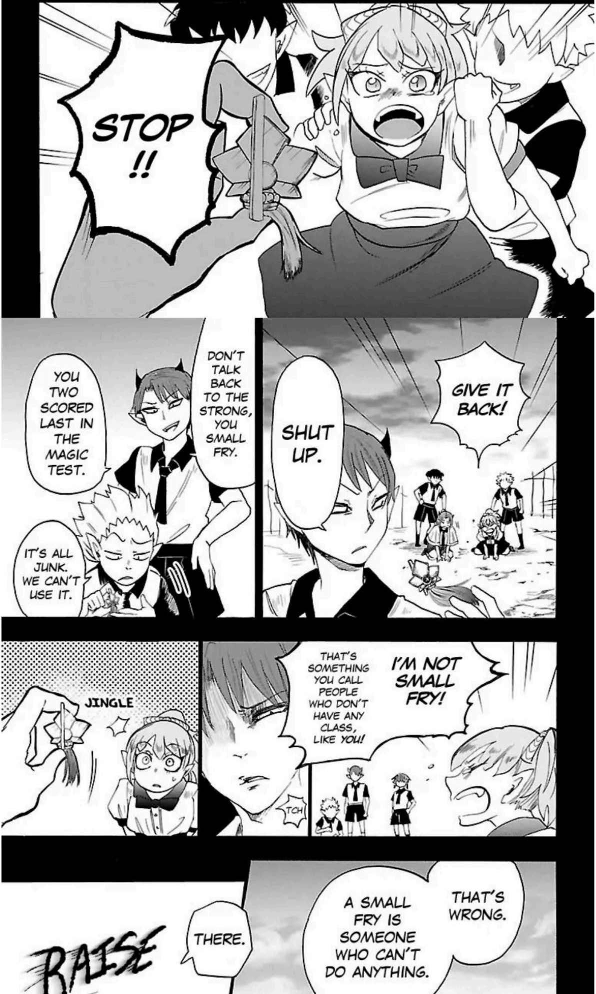

CRACKLE
I'M GOING TO MAKE IT EXPLODE,
IN ORDER TO DESTROY THE SCHOOL.
CRACKLE
... WHY-
WHY WOULD YOU DO THAT ...
CRACKLE
CRACKLE
HMMMMMM ...
THAT'S RIGHT ...
GUESS I'LL TELL YOU...
CLACK
THE STORY ...
OF WHEN I WAS BORN.

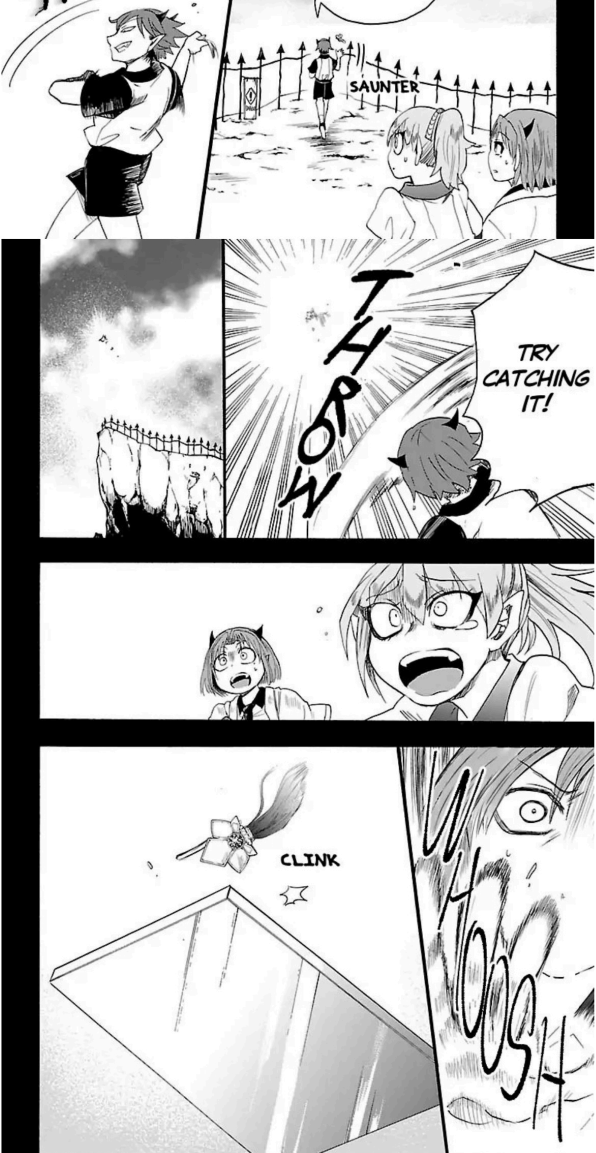

MY HOUSEHOLD, "AMIY",
WAS ONE OF THE FEW PROMINENT HOUSEHOLDS WITHIN THE DEMON WORLD...
OUR MAGIC POWER CAPACITY WAS NOTABLE AMONGST DEMONS,
BUT ...
Hover
... NONE.
TO THINK A CHILD WITH SUCH LITTLE MAGIC POWER COULD BE BORN TO OUR FAMILY ...
Mutter
HOW COULD THAT BE...
HE'S A DISGRACE ...
Mutter

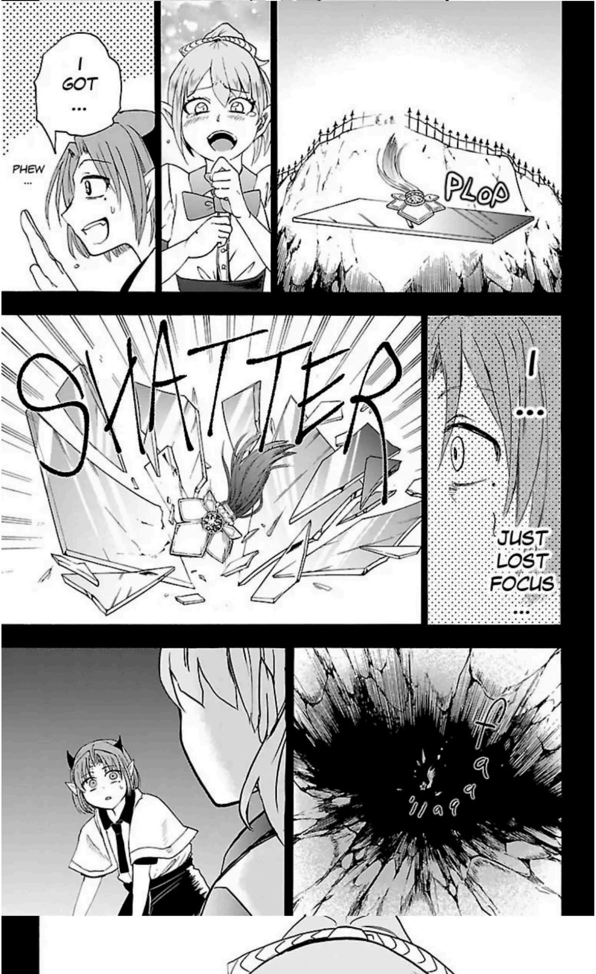

Mutter Mutter
CLENCH
REVERED MOTHER ...
STAY IN THE GARDEN.
DEMON CHILDREN'S GARDEN.
AN ELEMENTARY CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION WHICH RAISES AND EXERTS FULL CONTROL OVER YOUNG DEMONS.
SLAP
FOCUS MORE!
YOU'RE DIRTYING THE AMIY FAMILY NAME!
IS HE REALLY THE CHILD OF A FAMOUS HOUSE?
HOW EMBARRASSING.
EVERY-

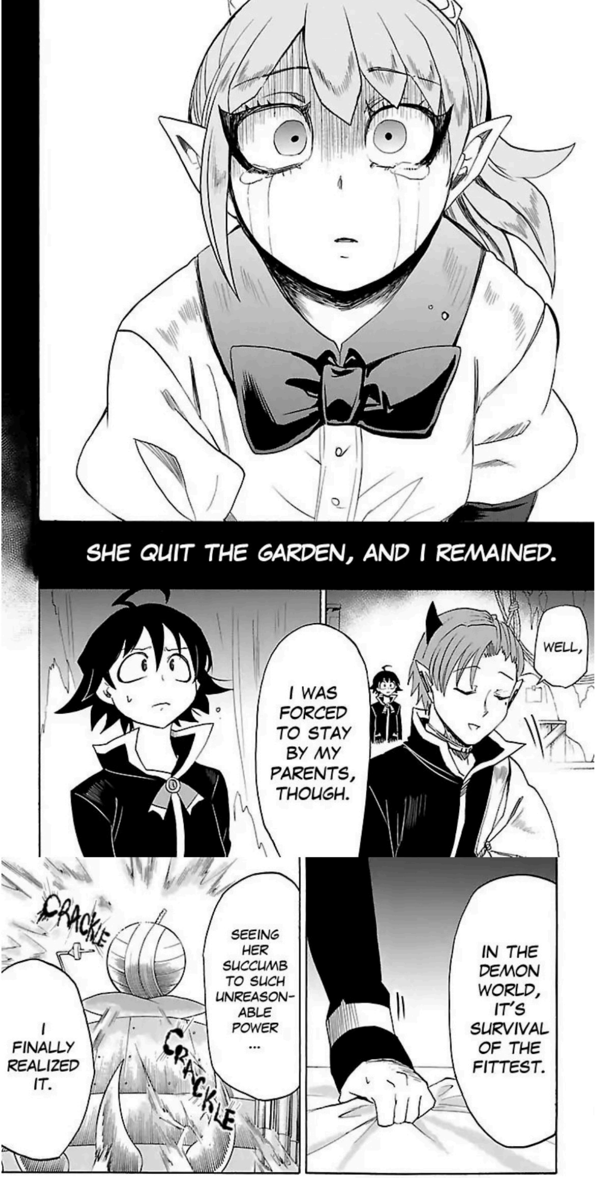

ONE'S DISAPPOINTED IN ME, WHETHER IT'S AT SCHOOL OR AT HOME.
CLENCH
PAT
BUT
THERE WAS A CHILD THAT WOULD SMILE EVEN AT SOMEONE LIKE ME.
GOOD MORNING,
KIRIO-KUN!
HER GRADES WEREN'T TOO GREAT EITHER, SO WE SPENT A LOT OF TIME TOGETHER.
KEEN
WOW!

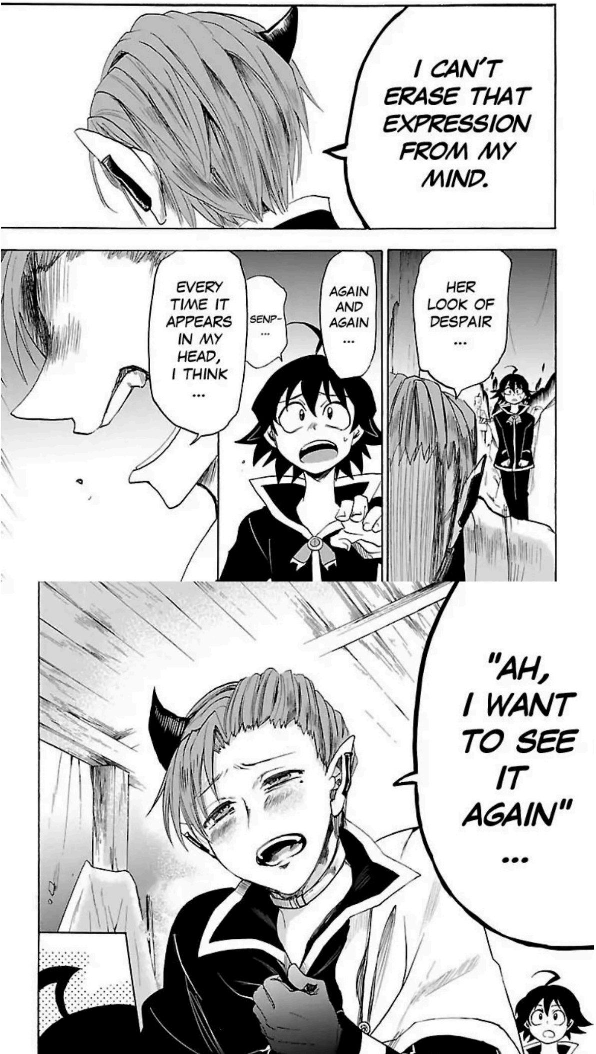

AMAZING, KIRIO-KUN!
WELL...
IT'LL CRACK THE MOMENT I LOSE FOCUS.
GEEZ!
HAVE MORE CONFIDENCE IN YOURSELF!
KIRIO-KUN HAS LOTS OF GOOD POINTS!
LIKE, THE SHAPE OF YOUR HORNS IS PRETTY... AND YOU'RE VERY GENTLE!
UHM...
IS THAT A COMPLIMENT?
I KNOW!
CLINK
I'LL LET YOU TOUCH MY LUCKY CHARM!
THIS EARRING IS A MEMENTO FROM MY GRANDMA.
JINGLE
YOU'LL FEEL MORE CHEERFUL IF YOU TOUCH IT.
IT'S PRETTY...
ISN'T IT?
IT'S MY TREASURE!

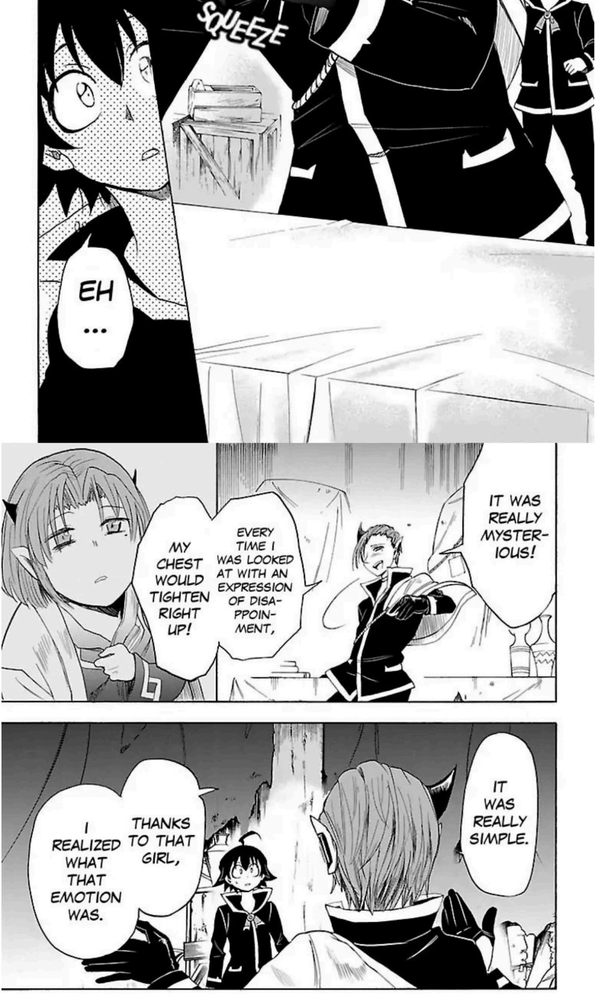

STOP!!
GIVE IT BACK!
SHUT UP.
DON'T TALK BACK TO THE STRONG, YOU SMALL FRY.
YOU TWO SCORED LAST IN THE MAGIC TEST.
IT'S ALL JUNK. WE CAN'T USE IT.
I'M NOT SMALL FRY!
THAT'S SOMETHING YOU CALL PEOPLE WHO DON'T HAVE ANY CLASS, LIKE *YOU!*
TCH
JINGLE
THAT'S WRONG.
A SMALL FRY IS SOMEONE WHO CAN'T DO ANYTHING.
THERE.
RAISE

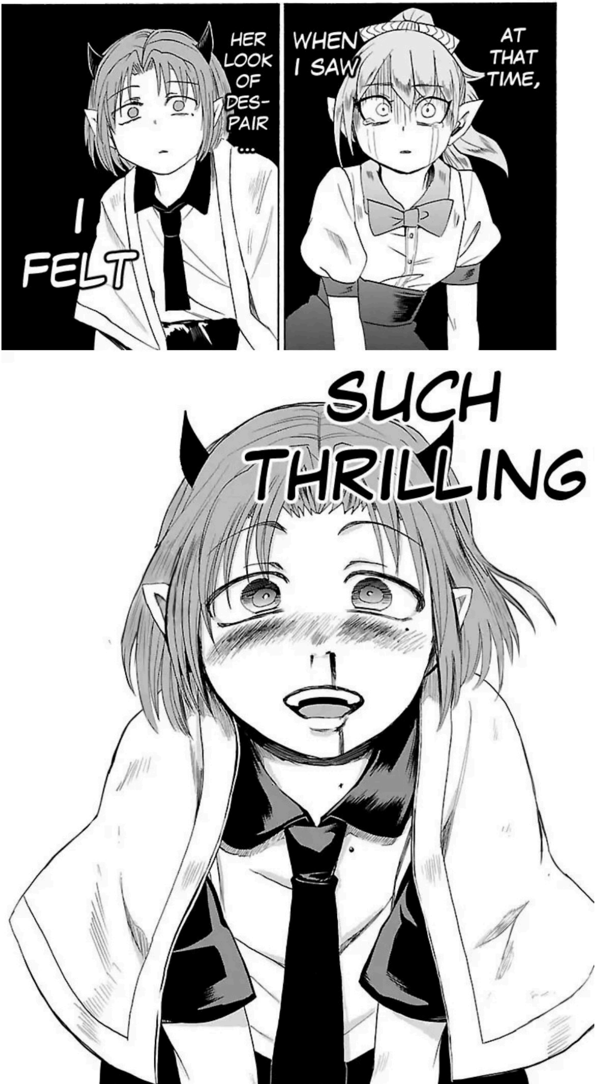

SAUNTER
TRY CATCHING IT!
THROW
CLINK
WHOOSH

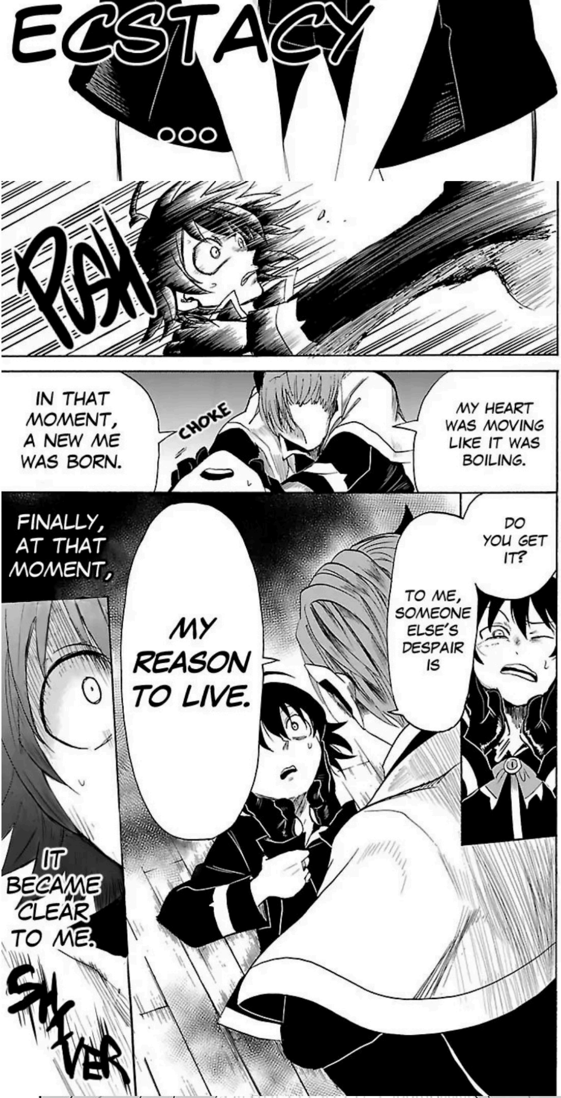

PLOP
I GOT ...
PHEW ...
I ...
JUST LOST FOCUS ...
SHATTER

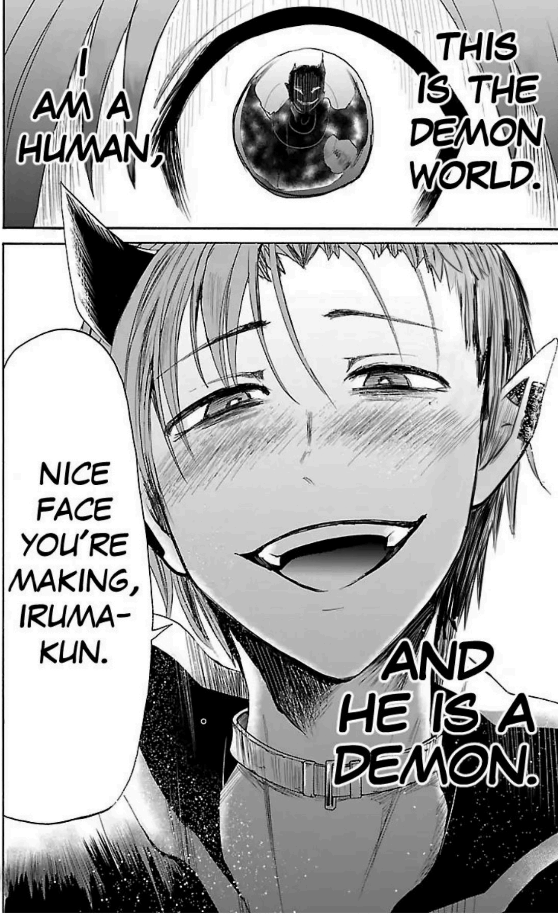

SHE QUIT THE GARDEN, AND I REMAINED.
WELL,
I WAS FORCED TO STAY BY MY PARENTS, THOUGH.
IN THE DEMON WORLD, IT'S SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST.
SEEING HER SUCCUMB TO SUCH UNREASONABLE POWER ...
CRACKLE
CRACKLE
I FINALLY REALIZED IT.


I CAN'T ERASE THAT EXPRESSION FROM MY MIND.
HER LOOK OF DESPAIR ...
AGAIN AND AGAIN ...
SENP- ...
EVERY TIME IT APPEARS IN MY HEAD, I THINK ...
"AH, I WANT TO SEE IT AGAIN" ...


SQUEEZE
EH...
IT WAS REALLY MYSTERIOUS!
EVERY TIME I WAS LOOKED AT WITH AN EXPRESSION OF DISAPPOINTMENT,
MY CHEST WOULD TIGHTEN RIGHT UP!
IT WAS REALLY SIMPLE.
THANKS TO THAT GIRL,
I REALIZED WHAT THAT EMOTION WAS.


AT THAT TIME,
WHEN I SAW
HER LOOK OF DESPAIR...
I FELT
SUCH THRILLING


ECSTACY
PISH
MY HEART WAS MOVING LIKE IT WAS BOILING.
CHOKE
IN THAT MOMENT, A NEW ME WAS BORN.
DO YOU GET IT?
TO ME, SOMEONE ELSE'S DESPAIR IS
MY REASON TO LIVE.
FINALLY, AT THAT MOMENT,
IT BECAME CLEAR TO ME.
SHIVER


THIS IS THE DEMON WORLD.
I AM A HUMAN,
NICE FACE YOU'RE MAKING, IRUMA-KUN.
AND HE IS A DEMON.